

town, was first occupied for this purpose in 1826. The individual first buried was Mr. Gilbert Horton. The land was given by Mr. David Horton, and consists of about one-half of an acre.

The third public grave-yard is in the north part of the town. The land was given by Mr. Samuel Brookings, and consists of about one acre. The first burial was on Nov. 14, 1850. Several graves, located on private property, were opened, and the bodies interred in the yard. Prayer was offered on the occasion, and an address, appropriate to the opening of this ground, was delivered by the Rev. Samuel Whaley.

## NO. III.

## MORTALITY.

The following notice of the deaths in this town for the thirteen years past, may be of some service, as well as interest, in the history of this town. The author is indebted for it to Mr. William R. Stone:

In 1843 there were . . . . .	20 deaths.
" 1844, " . . . . .	19 "
" 1845, " . . . . .	14 "
" 1846, " . . . . .	6 "
" 1847, " . . . . .	9 "
" 1848, " . . . . .	46 "
" 1849, " . . . . .	19 "
" 1850, " . . . . .	11 "
" 1851, " . . . . .	8 "

In 1852 there were . . . . .	13 deaths.
" 1853, " . . . . .	20 "
" 1854, " . . . . .	20 "
" 1855, " . . . . .	10 "

It will be seen from this table that the year 1848 was remarkable for its number of deaths. The cause of this will be seen by giving an extract from the annual discourse of the pastor of the Presbyterian Church in this town, delivered Jan. 7, 1849:

" During the last year there were forty-six deaths in this town. This is a very unusual number. For the five years preceding this last, the average number of deaths in this town was thirteen and six-tenths for each year. This certainly is a small number for the population. Placing the population at 1700, and the deaths in this town, for the five years past, have been one for every one hundred and twenty-five persons. This surely is a small number. There are few places that can be said to be as healthful."

The deaths in this State, according to the census of 1850, are in the proportion of one to every eighty-one of the population. "The ratio of deaths in the city of New York, which is called a healthful city, is one to every 36 or 37 of its population. Whereas, in this town, for five years past we have had only one death to every one hundred and twenty-five of the population. Last year, however, which proved to be a very sickly season, there has been one death to every thirty-seven of our population. This large increase of deaths in this town was caused by the epidemic